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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT ON NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE  
SECRETARY AND IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD

1. FOLLOWING MEETING MARCH 17, THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER FITZGERALD ISSUED JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT ON  
NORTHERN IRELAND SITUATION. TEXT, RELEASED AT DEPARTMENT'S  
NOON PRESS BRIEFING, IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE IRISH MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED VIOLENCE  
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THERE.

3. THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF  
THE US ADMINISTRATION TO LIMIT SUPPORT FOR VIOLENCE  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND BY PERSONS MISTAKENLY MOTIVATED  
IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR ITS WISH TO ENSURE THAT

LEGITIMATE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT MISUSED BY  
THOSE WHO SUPPORT VIOLENCE AS A MEANS TO POLITICAL ENDS  
IN IRELAND.

4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REAFFIRMED THE LONG-STANDING  
US GOVERNMENT POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE  
OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

5. BOTH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE  
STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER MADE ON OCTOBER 28, 1976,  
WHICH OPPOSED VIOLENCE AS PART OF A SOLUTION TO THE IRISH  
QUESTION AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND  
PEACEFUL MEANS FOR FINDING A JUST SOLUTION INVOLVING  
THE TWO COMMUNITIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND AND WHICH  
WOULD PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS.

END QUOTE.  
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